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# The Voice

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## Just around the river bend

Connor Barber

During the months of June and July, Mr. Fjetland took five canoe trips to the rivers in Wisconsin and Minnesota. Mr. Fjetland was accompanied by Barnett Curry, a former AHS student. The week started by leaving the high school on Sunday morning, driving about five hours to Wisconsin, and entering on the Namekagon River. By the end of the week, they were canoeing on the St. Croix River and returned home the next Friday afternoon.

During the trip the groups stayed at campsites along the river with only a fire pit and a primitive toilet. Each trip consisted of 14-20 students. The students split into cooking groups and planned all their own meals for the week. Each day they canoed anywhere from two

to eight miles on the mostly shallow, calm river. After canoeing for the morning and most of the afternoon, they set up their campsite and had the rest of the day with nothing to do. Most everyone swam in the river to cool off. Carly Sansone said, "The water was very unpredictable; it was really shallow then really deep."

On most of the trips it rained hard. The second trip had to stay in a hotel the last night due to tornado warnings and the last trip came home two days early due to heavy rain and wet tents. Trip three was the luckiest of the trips with only a mist on the second morning. Abby Foertsch said, "I had so much fun and I want to go on another one."



Above: Melinda Schultze and Allie Klepper paddle down the river while on the canoe trip.

## What was your favorite part of the canoe trip?

"It was a blast! My pancakes were awesome!"

-Connor McGuire

"It was the best part of my summer,"

-Zach Wiltse

"Very interesting?"

-Amber Hentges

"Beans exploding all over Bryce,"

-Johnny Aboud

"Tommy's face plant,"

-Ashley Norland

"I loved joining the Redneck Yacht Club,"

-Heather Rusch

"It was so totally awesome!" Joey Schattschneider



## ACTs

Josh Marihart

The ACTs are coming up for the people who decided to take them this time around. On September 11<sup>th</sup>, students will get up bright and early and come to Algona High where they will test from 8:00 until around 11:40 for the basic test. The people taking the writing test will go until around 12:15.

The ACT is a test that colleges look at for acceptance. The test involves topics in math, science,

English, and reading. These tests are pre-register tests.

The state offers six test dates for the ACT: September, October, December, February, April, and June. If you're feeling nervous, try taking some ACT preps online.

Good luck ACT takers this time. If you still need to take the ACTs, be sure to listen to the announcements for the next testing deadline.

## New schedule

Sierra Wegener

"We get out earlier!" quoted Nick Bitz. The schedule has changed so much this year with the time between classes, homeroom, and getting out 10 minutes earlier!

Last year the passing time between classes was 4 minutes and now there are only 3 minutes. This could be bad for some people because the rules have also changed in regards to tardies; you can only be late 5 times to all classes. "I like my 3 minute passing time," stated by Zach Wiltse.

Homeroom has been changed from being in the morning to being at the end of the day. In homeroom you can't leave

and you are not allowed to have any electronics out; you are supposed to have homework or something to work on, like a study hall, if there isn't already assigned activities to do. The seniors are quite lucky and don't have homeroom every day, so they are allowed to leave at 3:02, if they don't have required meetings. Seniors have certain dates that they are required to attend and if they don't, there will be consequences.

The schedule this year has changed because the high school is going to be on the same schedule as the middle school. The middle school will have a longer homeroom though.

## New vocal music teacher

Courtney Pityer

This year Algona High School has welcomed Jamie Kelley as the new vocal music teacher. He teaches Concert Choir every day for grades 10-12 and Mixed Chorus for ninth grade on even days. Then throughout the day he gives lessons

Mr. Kelley was born in Mason City, Iowa. He graduated from Rockwell Swaledale High School, which is no longer around. After high school he attended Wartburg and UNI. He graduated from UNI with his Master's Degree. After graduating from UNI he taught at Bishop Heeland High School in Sioux City before coming to Algona High School.

While Mr. Kelley

is here, he has a couple expectations that he is looking for in his students. Mr. Kelley's first expectation is to achieve a high musical level with an academic approach to it as well. His second expectation is to be a musician who understands what he/she is singing so it's not just black notes on white paper.

Mr. Kelley enjoys spending time with his wife Heidi, and his son, Micah. During his free time he likes to run, sing, and watch sports. Mr. Kelley is a great teacher to know and the school is very glad to have him.

"Keep the music alive," says Mr. Kelley.

Left: Mr. Kelley directs a group of girls in chorus.



## Foundation outing

Courtney Schneider

The Algona Community School Foundation fundraiser was held at the Algona Country Club on August 12<sup>th</sup>. The fundraiser is an annual golf tournament and auction.

For the golf tournament, there were 20 teams with four people on each team. Algona Investments and Mark Klein/Central Financial were the teams that tied for first place.

There were 57

sponsors and around 102 items auctioned off through the silent auction. Several items were also raffled off.

The fundraiser raised over \$23,000. The money raised goes to help with different needs of the Algona schools. In the past, the Foundation has purchased cameras for the photography class and new books and book shelves for the reading program. The money raised also goes for scholarships.

## OSHA training

Richie Baxter

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration, or OSHA, is a government agency in the Department of Labor. It was established December 29, 1970, in an effort to prevent work-related injuries, sicknesses, and death. OSHA enforces safety and health standards at the work place to help prevent accidents on a job site.

Some examples of different OSHA rules include the requirement of having guards over all moving parts and the use of a "buddy system" while working in a confined space. Some examples of

confined spaces are bins, tanks, vaults, tunnels, pits, and pipes. OSHA also requires that there be guards on all moving parts where contact with any body part is possible to reduce the risk of losing something like a finger.

The construction class from AHS traveled to Emmetsburg to do an OSHA safety class. "Even though the safety class was boring, it was very, very important," said TJ Olsen, who is now a certified OSHA member. Mr. Gerhardt would be a good person to talk to if you have any questions about OSHA.

## Hurricane Hermine

August Thronsdon

Hurricane Hermine is making its way into Texas on the north-northwest edge. As it makes its way, it is now slowly losing power and slowing down. Scientists figure when it's all done, Texas would have received about 8 inches of water overall, creating many flash floods in the area.

Hurricane Hermine

could also create some tornados around the coast of Texas shortly after it ends.

When Hermine first made land fall on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup>, it had winds up to 65 miles per hour and now the winds are down to 53 mph. Shelters are available for people who have lost their homes in floods and land slides.



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## We Don't Rebuild... Another season in the water

Brittany Vaske

The volleyball players opened up their 2010 season by traveling to the Dallas Center-Grimes tournament, held on August 24. The players began their season with a record of 2-2. They beat Dallas Center-Grimes in 3 sets and turned around and beat Des Moines Roosevelt in two. The Number 7 ranked Urbandale and Southeast Polk beat the Algona team, both in three sets. Coach Shelly TerHark quoted, "Overall I was very pleased with how we played at times."

On Saturday, September 5, 2010, the AHS

volleyball team hosted the annual Algona Classic Tournament. The team ended up with a record of 4-2 as they lost to Hampton-Dumont and Lake Mills, each going in three sets. Other teams competing in the competition included: Belmond-Klemme, Laurens-Marathon, Webster City, and North Sentral Kossuth.

The Bulldogs' next date for play is on Thursday, September 9, as they host the Humboldt Wildcats. Setter, Connor Barber, says, "I am excited to lay the smackdown on Humboldt!"

Below: Blair Bradley goes for a pass against Estherville.



Above: The seniors in volleyball pose for a fun picture!



## The Boys of Fall

Abby Foertsch

The football team started their season on August 27<sup>th</sup> against Forest City High School. Their next game was on September 3<sup>rd</sup> against Estherville-Lincoln Central. Both were hard fought games but ended in losses with scores of 7-15 and 7-19.

During the last two games Michael McMahon and Bronson Jergenson were

the leading rushers. In the last two games, Michael McMahon had 62 rush attempts and 263 yards and scored 1 touchdown. Bronson Jergenson had 11 rush attempts for 22 yards. Sam Curtis is the receiving leader for the team with 3 receptions for 20 yards and has 1 touchdown. Michael Erpelding also has 3 receptions for 17 yards. The

Photo by Jim Gale

Carly Sansone

Starting off their season, the Algona varsity swim team had a double duel against DM Lincoln and Perry on August 31<sup>st</sup>. They lost to Lincoln 16-78 and beat Perry 58-35. The 200-medley relay team finished first against Perry, as did Nicole Kenne in the 500-free style, Missy Zadow in the 100-breast stroke, and the 400-free relay team. Michaela Christian finished 2nd in the 500-free.

The swim team then traveled to Boone on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. The girls ended up losing to Boone 35-59 but had a huge victory to Perry 57-35. First place finishes against Perry went to Nicole Kenne in the 200 and 500-free style, Hannah Priest in the 100-

free, Missy Zadow in the 100-breast stroke, and the 200-free relay team of Zadow, Schacherer, Williams, and Priest. First against Boone was Alyssa Williams in the 100-butterfly and 100-back stroke. The 400-relay team of Schacherer, Kenne, Zadow, and Priest won it all, beating both Boone and Perry. "The girls took control of the race early and just kept extending their lead. They won by 27 seconds, which was great," says coach Jim Fisher.

The team's record is 2-2 so far this season. Next up for the girls is the first home meet at the Algona YMCA on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. It's also senior night for Missy Zadow and Nicole Person. Come out and support our team!



Above: The 2010 swim team. AHS swimmers include Missy Zadow, Nicole Person, Nicole Kenne, and Michaela Christian

team has a combined total of 96 yards, 29 pass attempts, and 9 receptions.

Michael McMahon also leads the team in tackles with 7 and tackle assists with 12. Michael Erpelding has 10 tackles with 8 tackle assists. Bryce Hickman leads the team with interception returns with 1 for a 35-yard return. The team has a combined total of 62 tackles

and 81 tackle assists, making that 143 tackles for the year.

The football team will be playing this Friday at Boone starting at 7:30. Blair Bradley says he hopes to crush them on Friday. Algona goes into the game 0-2 and Boone is 1-1. This should be a hard fought match.

## New school!

Macie Foster

After winter break, the new middle schoolers will be moving in! Sixth grade through eighth grade will move into the new building in January. The fifth graders will wait until the next school year.

The new middle school has their own lunchroom/commons and gym, along with regular classrooms. The only time middle school students will be in the high school part will be to attend class in Mrs. Warrant's room, Mrs. Louwagie's room (she will use one of the Family & Consumer Science rooms), and part of the library will be dedicated to the middle school.

The art rooms will

## Race to find a spot

Alexa Studer

A huge change at AHS has been made; a new parking lot. Many people have found out how complicated this new parking is going to be for a few months. It is diagonal parking, so students are told to park inward so there is less chaos for traffic during and after school. After school the busses park in the parking lot and when the middle school students get here, the traffic flow needs to be smooth.

The lot is supposed to be only juniors and seniors, yet there is still not enough spots for both grades to park. Students have been parking on the side streets and in the freshman/sophomore gravel lot.

Parking fines are

be connected, giving Mr. Yi's art room wheelchair access and a pottery room to share in the middle school room.

The high school office staff will be moved by the north common doors. The middle school office and high school office will be next to one another and separate the academic classes. Students have to walk past the office in order to get to the high school, or vice versa. Where the AHS office is now will be used for the central administration staff.

With the completion of the middle school will also be another paved parking lot. "I can't wait for new parking!" exclaims Nick Bitz.

now in effect for the lots. If you are parked a wrong way, such as over the line or facing the wrong way, you will get a fine. There is 24/7 parking, so at any time or any day if you are not parked correctly you can get a ticket. Mr. Heitland says, "If you come to school on time or early, then you get a spot, otherwise you park in Soon enough this will all be fixed because there will be another parking lot by the new middle school. This parking lot will be open to use around the same time the middle school is up and ready, which will be the end of first semester unless there are delays with construction.

## Starting the season with a bang!

Katie Green

The Algona Cross Country team is starting out the season with a bang! The boys and girls finished the first few meets in very good standings. The boys' team is currently ranked 11<sup>th</sup> in the state while the girls are ranked 13<sup>th</sup>.

The first meet of the year was the Spencer Invitational on August 24<sup>th</sup>. The girls finished first with 61 points. The top three runners for the Bulldogs were freshman Tangy Wiseman and seniors Allana Lauck and Katie Connick. The boys finished fourth at the Spencer meet, scoring 92 points. The top three finishers for the boys were seniors Ryan McMahon, Johnny Aboud, and John Krause.

The second meet of the season was held in Webster City on August 31<sup>st</sup>. The girls finished second in the meet with a score of 80 points. The top runner for the girls' team with a time of

16:41 was Tangy Wiseman. The boys finished the meet in 4<sup>th</sup> place with a total of 104 points. The top finisher for the boys' team with a time of 16:39 was Ryan McMahon.

The third meet of the season was held in Estherville on September 7<sup>th</sup>. The boys and girls both had second place finishes. The girls scored a total of 72 points while the boys scored 69 points. The top finishers for the girls were Tangy Wiseman, Allana Lauck, and Katie Connick. The top boys finishers were Ryan McMahon, Johnny Aboud, and Joe Schattschneider.

Next Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, the teams will travel to Storm Lake for the fourth meet of the season. Coach Ahlers says, "The boys and girls are off to a great start. It's the first time in school history that both the boys and girls have been ranked. It will be fun to see how the teams improve."

Left: Katie Connick runs past her competition.

Right: John Krause pushes himself to the finish line.

Photos by John Aboud

